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1. (Three Times Amended) A tree-top mounting device, comprising:
an elongated housing;
an elongated support slidably received within said elongated housing,
with said housing capable of housing substantially half of said elongated support;
a fitting head disposed at a distal end of said elongated support;
a fastener adapted to secure said elongated housing to a tree; and
a lock to secure said sliding support in said elongated housing at a
desired position.

3. (Not Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said fitting head includes a bayonet coupling for attachment to an ornament.

4. (Not Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said fitting head comprises a disc and a cylindrical connector, with said disc and said cylindrical connector adaptable to receive an ornament.

5. (Not Further Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said fastener includes a hook and loop fastener secured to said elongated housing.

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6. (Three Times Amended) A tree-top mounting device, comprising:
a mount including an elongated housing and a sliding rod slidable
within said elongated housing, said sliding rod having a distal end adapted to receive an
ornament and said elongated housing capable of substantially housing at least half of said sliding
rod;
a fastener adapted to attach said elongated housing to a tree; and
a locking mechanism for locking said sliding rod in said elongated
housing.

7. (Not Amended) A tree-top mount device according to claim 6, further
comprising a fitting head disposed at the distal end of said sliding rod.

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9. (Three Times Amended) A tree-top mounting device comprising:
telescoping means comprising an elongated first member slidably
received in an elongated second member, with said second member capable of housing
substantially at least half of said first member;
means for connecting said first member to an object; and
means for locking said first member and said second member together.

10. (Not Amended) A mounting device according to claim 9, wherein said
means for connecting is a bayonet coupling.